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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. A marked-up copy of the amended claim is attached to this response on a separate sheet entitled Addendum. Applicants file concurrent with this response a request for two months Extension of Time. Additionally, please provide any Extensions of Time that maybe necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030 but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 1, immediately after the title please insert the following section heading:
--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

✓ On page 3, immediately before line 24 please insert the following section heading:
--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 7, immediately before line 21 please insert the following section heading:
--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.